

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS
Board Meeting September 14, 2004

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers was held on Tuesday, September 14, 2004, at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Jeffrey Fargason, Chairman
Dr. Jack Borders, Vice Chairman
Vaughn Bray
Charles Denmark
Dr. Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner
Henry Williams

Staff Present:

Lee Tracy, Executive Director
Dena Kirkman, Board Secretary
Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney

Chairman Fargason established that a quorum was present, and the meeting scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:11 a.m.

Charles Denmark made a motion to **approve** the **minutes** from the June 8, 2004 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner and was **approved** by the Board.

Ratify New Licensee Candidates: A motion was made by Vaughn Bray to ratify the new licensee candidates as listed below. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner and was **approved** by the Board.

License No.	Name	License Type
HAA000019	McMillin, Bradley Donald	Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser
HAA000020	Jones, Debra	Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser
HAA000021	Youngblood, Christine Marie	Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser
HADS000764	Estill, Karen Lynn	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000765	Reynolds, James G.	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADE0347 92	Beltone Hearing Aid Center	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE0347 93	Northeast Georgia Hearing Aid Center	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE0347 95	Dependable Hearing Aid Service	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034796	Gayle Bullington Beltone Hearing Care	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034797	Gayle Bullington Beltone Hearing Care	Hearing Aid Dealer
HAP000024	Davis, Betty	Hearing Aid Training Permit

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Discussion was held concerning changes to be made to the applications on the website. The Board discussed having the Audiogram component of the exam added to the Practical Exam for the Apprentice Dispenser's license. The Board would like for Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney, to develop a new rule for the practical exam components: Evaluation, Ear Mold and Audiogram.

A motion was made by Vaughn Bray to have the Practical Exam consist of the Evaluation, Ear Mold, and Audiogram components of the exam in order for the Apprentice Dispenser's license to be awarded to a licensee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack Borders and was **approved** by the Board.

Discussion was held concerning the possibility of testing being done by other states Hearing Aid Boards and for testing to be offered online for the convenience of applicants.

Discussion was held concerning the revisions of Rule 276-1-.01, Rule 276-2-.01, and Rule 276-7-.01 and the posting of said rules to be adopted at the December 14, 2004 Board meeting.

Rules Revisions:

Jeff Fargason, Board Chair, presented the following Rules for Posting and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rules do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the statutory provisions. The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers.

Rule 276-1-.01 Organization of Board. Amended.

A motion was made by Charles Denmark to approve Rule 276-1-.01 for posting. The motion was seconded by Henry Williams and was **approved** by the Board.

Rule 276-2-.01 Time and Place of Examination. Amended.

A motion was made by Vaughn Bray to approve Rule 276-2-.01 for posting. The motion was seconded by Henry Williams and was **approved** by the Board.

Rule 276-7-.01 Fees, Renewal, and Reinstatement. Amended.

A motion was made by Dr. Jack Borders to approve Rule 276-7-.01 for posting. The motion was seconded by Charles Denmark and was **approved** by the Board.

Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) to receive the Board Attorney's Report. The motion was seconded by Henry Williams and voting in favor of the motion were those present who included, Vaughn Bray, Dr. Jack Borders, Charles Denmark, and Jeff Fargason. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

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Henry Williams, Cognizant Report

- Reported on the following case:
 - HA050018 Recommended closing case.
 - HA040015 Recommended sending to the AG's office for a consent order for 2 years of probation with copies of all waivers and contracts to be reported to the Board on a quarterly basis for 2 years, and \$1000.00 fine.

A motion was made by Henry Williams to close case HA050018. Case was out of the jurisdiction of the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack Borders and was **approved** by the Board.

A motion was made by Henry Williams to have a Consent Order issued to HA040015. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack Borders and was **approved** by the Board.

Kathy Harvey, Investigations Area Supervisor, Enforcement Report

- Ms. Harvey reported on case HA040017.

Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney's Report

- The Board accepted the report on cases in the Board Attorney's office.

A motion was made by Charles Denmark to have the correspondence concerning Digital Crystal Ear's advertising in Georgia newspapers sent to the Florida Hearing Aid Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack Borders and was **approved** by the Board.

Lee Tracy, Executive Director's Report

- Ms. Tracy reported that all Chairs of a Licensing Board will receive a letter from Secretary of State Cathy Cox inviting them to a meeting to be held November 4, 2004 at 2:00 P.M. at the Professional Licensing Boards Division in Macon. The purpose of the meeting is to update the Boards on changes affecting the Boards. Ms. Tracy announced that there would be money in the budget for one Board member to travel out of state to attend a conference or meeting having to do with Board business.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Jack Borders made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Henry Williams and **approved** by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

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Jeffrey Fargason, Chairman

Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director
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